

August 19, 2009 Regular Town Board meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Chartier at 3:00 pm on Aug. 19, 2009. Supervisors Mike Christensen and Matt Gaulke were present, and also Treasurer Dave Peterman and Clerk Ginger Schwanebeck.

Others present: Rich Eberle, Clark Albert, Russ Sanderson, Butch St. Germaine, and several others from White Sand and Pokegama Lakes, and Eric Johnson from the Lakeland Times.

This meeting was properly posted and the media notified as required by law.

Motion by Mr. Christensen, and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the agenda. The motion was carried.

Motion by Mr. Christensen, and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2009 regular meeting, as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mr. Gaulke, to approve vouchers 42010 – 42060 from the General fund and 1321 – 1324 from the Ambulance Fund. The motion was carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Peterman presented the financial statement, showing financial status as of 8-20-09 as follows: The general account balance is \$681,803.42 and the Ambulance Fund balance is \$423,399.64. Treasurer Peterman briefly explained his plan to place some funds from the Gen and Amb accounts into CD's at M & I Bank in order to earn more interest. M & I Bank has three separate charters and is able to provide FDIC coverage through these 3 charters up to \$750,000. so all of the money is protected. A motion was made by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mr. Christensen to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was carried.

EBERLE – SAND CREEK DAM: Mr. Rich Eberle addressed the Board regarding the Sand Creek Dam on his property. The dam is old and in danger of failing; Mr. Eberle and the White Sand Lake Assoc. members fear that if the dam fails, the water level in White Sand Lake could drop as much as 2 feet. First Mr. Eberle was going to take on a rebuilding or replacement project himself, then discovered that the DNR (who claim the Town never obtained the necessary permit to build the dam back in 1940) would require approval (easement) from 100% of the property owners on the lake. He discussed this with many others on the lake, and feels that's not feasible. He's now exploring the possibility of forming a Lake District. This would require 50% of property owners, or, the owners of 50% of the land, to approve. The Lake District would then be able to levy taxes to pay for the project, and would have to follow all statutory requirements for a governmental body. Before he contacts people to determine the level of agreement regarding a Lake District, Mr. Eberle would like the Board to publicly state their approval of a Lake District because he feels the property owners would be more likely to agree if they know the Town Board approves. There were several Pokegama Lake property owners in attendance who expressed a number of concerns and want to make sure the Board understands that water levels in Pokegama Lake, and beyond into the rest of the chain, will be impacted by whatever is done in this creek. Mr. Butch St. Germaine also expressed some concerns on behalf of the Tribe in regard to fish spawning and habitat. The Board will review information regarding the formation and ongoing operation of Lake Districts and will discuss this further at the next Board meeting. No action taken at this time.

LONGS POINT LANE CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT: There was brief discussion about a past question on the location of the actual end of the road, and questions were raised about whether sidewalks will be on one side only or both sides of road, and exactly where will new street lights be placed. This item was tabled for further information.

CRAWLING STONE CHANNEL PROJECT: A motion was made by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mr. Christensen to require the Crawling Stone Lakes Association to purchase a liability insurance policy to be effective throughout the duration of the dredging project, naming the Town as additional insured, as recommended by the Town's insurance agent. The motion was carried.

BARTENDERS LICENSE The Board reviewed for approval a bartenders license application for Michelle Blanco. Motion by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the license. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Christensen, seconded by Mr. Gaulke to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 3:40 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Schwanebeck
Town Clerk

